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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was slow to fair with few features. Food service was in a full range, but best into fast food outlets where promotions were active. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair at best. Giblets were seasonally tight, and all other items were mixed, but overall at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 69.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.25 cents last year on October 19, 2005.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	150.50
BREASTS - B/S	119.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50
LEG QUARTERS	29.00
WINGS	91.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into retail and food service channels was slow to fair with trading usually limited to most immediate needs. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was mostly fair at best with all items at least adequate to readily available with some discounting still reported. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to instances fairly good for midweek trading. Offerings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Tenders were readily available and slow to clear. Other items were at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offers were light on 3 up wogs, other sizes moderate to heavy. Fill-in on 3 up wogs at 49 cents delivered into the Ohio area was noted. Trade activity into all channels was sluggish, slow to moderate, fast food slightly better where promoted. Floor stocks were adequate, weights desirable to mixed. Parts trade was light; receivers were contending with other holiday protein deliveries and space requirements. Parts offerings were fully sufficient and slow to clear. Trade sentiment remained about steady on dark meat cuts and barely steady to weak on the balance.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady. Offerings adequate. Retailer demand light to moderate. Floor stocks adequate.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 14, 2006. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 14, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 14, 2006 were 7.12 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 10/14/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	203,383	202,542	0
CHICKS PLACED	168,964	168,732	0

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Nov-06 is estimated at 153.8 million head. This compares to 153.1 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 128.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.89 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	840	80.00-167.00	-	94.29
TENDERLOINS	223	72.00-155.00	-	87.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	203	29.00-41.00	30-31	31.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	628	20.00-29.00	23-24	23.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	754	22.00-31.00	25	25.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	293	72.00-95.00	79-82	82.35
WINGS (CUT)	340	80.00-100.00	-	91.34
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	70.00-79.00	-	73.74
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	196	29.00-41.00	30-31	31.19
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	588	19.00-29.00	23-24	23.35
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	769	20.00-31.00	25	25.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	241	75.00-93.00	-	77.93
WINGS (CUT)	370	84.00-100.00	-	93.22
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.50-44.00	39.95	34.00-42.00	37.31	38.88

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive for midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were fully adequate to instances ample; tenders were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts and wings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady for breast items; weak for tenderloins. The balance of items were no better than steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	101.32	950,690
TENDERLOINS	90-95	101.05	280,356
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	75.41	95,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	67.78	81,000
LEGS	39-40	36.52	188,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.82	389,122
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.50	136,110
THIGHS	26-27	37.39	76,920
B/S THIGHS	80-81	78.24	120,370
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	86.94	201,640
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.84	23,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.22	14,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	53.48	28,040

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	101.44	736,488
TENDERLOINS	90	93.65	245,260
BREAST - WITH RIBS	69-70	80.40	56,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	69	67.90	90,000
LEGS	39-40	35.81	251,560
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	28-29	29.06	329,800
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	34.54	100,280
THIGHS	26-27	36.31	49,640
B/S THIGHS	80-81	80.53	87,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	91.61	192,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.36	25,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	29.26	13,680
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.79	23,000

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	10/18	10/17	10/16	10/13	10/09
Alabama	3,964	4,031	3,763	4,524	5.54
Arkansas	5,321	5,398	5,222	5,262	5.44
Delmarva	2,319	2,274	2,243	2,559	5.78
KY-LA-TN	2,327	2,375	2,278	2,284	5.34
Mississippi	2,868	2,828	2,892	2,821	6.05
North Carolina	2,653	2,653	2,655	2,781	4.02
Texas	2,522	2,520	2,528	2,565	5.49
Total	21,974	22,079	21,581	22,437	5.40
Mon-Wed	66,027(A)				5.56
					21,547
					5.73

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Oct-06 is estimated to be 32,876,000 head up 1.68 percent from a week ago and up 0.02 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,333,000, last year 32,869,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED PLTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED PLTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100
	DRY PACK	100-107
DUCKS		190-195

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-OCT-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/21/06 (1)	10/14/06
THOUSAND HEAD		
Broiler/fryer	165,120 (2)	168,383
Light hens	1,162	1,049
Heavy hens	1,476	1,550
Total	167,758	170,982

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Oct-06 is 162.9 million head compared to 165.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.5 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Oct-06 the estimated available is 163.3 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/16/06	94,125	62,691
AM 10/01/06	103,507	66,894
CHG	-9,382	-4,203
PCT CHG	-9	-6

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/16/06	10/10/06	10/17/05	10/16/06	10/10/06	10/17/05
PACIFIC COAST	590	637	4,541	10,695	10,571	4,979
LOS ANGELES	237	262	95	2,558	2,562	2,426

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2006

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	77-80

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 10/17/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG			LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	4.00
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.20	.30
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	1.15	-	BUNNIES ea.	3.75	4.75
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.30	1.13	ROOSTERS ea.	-	5.00
GEESE lb.	-	.50	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.00	.98	RABBITS ea.	-	2.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.00	9.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	5.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	68					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending October 13, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	68.49	162.88	79.35	20.88	4.18	77.26
High	73.92	171.23	91.88	25.06	8.35	77.26
Mostly	73.92	162.88	83.53	20.88	8.35	77.26
SAN JUAN						
Low	68.91	158.70	83.53	16.71	4.18	75.18
High	73.92	171.23	91.88	20.88	8.35	75.18
Mostly	73.92	167.06	87.70	20.88	4.18	75.18
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	70.16	158.70	79.35	20.88	4.18	77.68
High	75.18	167.06	87.70	25.06	8.35	77.68
Mostly	75.18	158.70	83.53	25.06	8.35	77.68
BECERRA						
Low	71.00	167.06	83.53	20.88	8.35	79.35
High	76.01	175.41	96.06	29.23	8.35	79.35
Mostly	72.67	171.23	91.88	25.06	8.35	79.35

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued to increase and was fair to fairly good for immediate delivery. Offerings were in generally good balance, instances well cleared. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, being light at some points, desirable to heavy elsewhere. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, offerings of boneless/skinless and bone-in breasts were well cleared at some points, readily available at others. Tenders were ample. Other cuts were at least adequate. Giblets were tight.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE
WEIGHTED AVERAGE
NO. OF BOXES

52-74
(A)
(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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